

Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

Reception have had another busy week of learning! On Monday we were excited to receive a letter from our class elves. They needed our help and wanted some suggestions about different foods to have at a party. We were excited to reply and wrote lots of letters using our knowledge of the tricky words 'to and 'I'.



During our choosing time we have been very busy learners and have made Christmas cards for friends, decorated baubles with stickers to develop our fine motor skills, selected the correct colours to paint portraits of Santa, practised our cutting skills to make snowman decorations and used our role-play resources to tell different stories. Our Maths activities have consolidated all our shape learning from this half term. We have practised naming all our 2D shapes, describing their properties and challenged ourselves to make larger squares and rectangles using other small shapes. Using our shape knowledge, we have created our own shape houses to make a long shape street!

Year 1

We have been busy in year 1 this week. In maths this week, we have been doing some maths booklets and practising all the skills we have learned so far. We are so proud of how hard we have been working and how much we have improved with our maths! We have continued reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' this week and discussing the characters, feelings and events. On Monday afternoon, we did PE and then did some phonics. We described the characters from our topic book in English and wrote questions and letters to them. Miss Leppard was so proud of our question mark skills! We practised more games skills in PE and on Friday, we did our spelling test! We have been doing so well with our spellings. Our rainbow challenges this week were so exciting! In the construction station, we built Chocolate Factories and thought about the colours and funnels from the film. In the creation station, we had to draw a character using different materials; crayons, pencils and paints. In the imagination station, we designed our own sweet! In the concentration station, we had to write who our favourite character was and why, for a vote! In the finger gym area, we made Willy Wonka puppets and best of all, in the exploration station, we explored the taste of different sweets! We weren't too keen on the liquorice...!



Year 2

We have come to the end of our journey around the world this week. Our final continent was Antarctica! We started the week by discussing the climate and conditions of Antarctica to then go on an exploration using the necessary tools: rope, ice pick, warm clothing etc. The children saw so many wonderful sights and I'm sure they may have even seen some animals! During the rest of the week, we all participated in a science experiment to explore which materials were good insulators. During English this week, we consolidated our understanding of the features of a letter to write one from Edgar (John Lewis Advert Excitable Edgar 2019) to the people of the town. We had some fantastic writing; well done Year 2. In Maths, we have continued to develop our understanding of coins to compare different amounts and to top all of this off, we took to the field to decorate our trees with decorations from around the world to support our learning from the term.



Year 3

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Year 3 as we have created some beautiful Christmas decorations, paperchains, and a post box bursting with cards, ready to give out next week.

We have been utilising our expert addition and subtraction skills to solve challenges and answer questions independently, in order to use, apply and consolidate our skills. Our favourite time of the day is curling up to read *Stig of the Dump* and we have been using our VIPERS skills to predict and explain how we think the story will end. We absolutely loved the party chapter and were surprised to discover the escaped leopard had confronted Lou!

In Topic we have been discovering the influence of The Celts during The Iron Age. In Art we learnt to sketch various Celtic designs that were discovered on weapons and jewellery from that time period. As it is Tree Week, our classes have embraced our tree (literally), sketched it, used Google to research and find out facts about it and even decorated



Year 4

There is no doubt that the Christmas spirit is increasingly taking over the Year 4 classrooms but we have still been enjoying lots of exciting learning too.

In Science, we have continued with our 'States of Matter' unit. This week, the children were asked to design a method and select the equipment that they would need to separate a mixture of different solid materials. We enjoyed a particularly exciting lesson in Geography too, finding out how avalanches and glaciers are created, and the potential dangers that they pose. In English, the children have planned, written and edited a new chapter for 'The Wishing Chair'; it was great to see how well they have absorbed the tone and style of Enid Blyton's original story and were able to replicate it in their own chapters too.



Year 5

Celebrating National Tree Week, we have chosen trees around the school grounds, discussed their importance and embraced them by decorating them. The children's creativity knows no bounds! We have mobiles, dream catchers, bird feeders and more. English this week has taken a festive turn, looking at characters from Christmas TV adverts and writing poems about them and their unique details. From these poems, we've looked at how this descriptive language can be turned into a detailed paragraph about them, looking at mannerisms and distinctive features. In RE we have discussed how light is used as a symbol at Christmas, the children have used stop animation to retell the Christmas story, making sure this was a focus. Light is not just a symbol in Christianity and the children have created information leaflets to show the importance of light in Diwali and Hanukkah too.



Year 6

This was not how we expected the end of the term to be! Our friends from afar, 6LB, have been learning from home this week; we have been blown away by their impressive work! Focusing on Living Things, 6LB conducted some research into Carl Linnaeus, and spent time using branched databases. Both classes used their history knowledge of WWII to write a diary of an evacuee child during the Blitz.

6EC has had a busy and crafty week! After choosing our class tree for National Tree Week, we spent some time making dream catchers to decorate them with. Square lashing and clove hitches were tricky to begin with, but we cracked them in the end! Using our Science knowledge on electricity and light, and our previous research on lighthouses, the children worked hard to create a working lighthouse- they are extremely impressive! We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas! Stay safe, and we will see you all in January!

